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...Steamer MEMFI, ...Commander ... Fo... ...the 15th ... 1874. The Steamer has very ...accommodation for a small number of ...AGE.

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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamers will be despatched with H. M.'s Mails as follows:—

S.S. LOMBARDY, 2,921 Tons, October 12th, to Southampton.
S.S. ARABIA, 2,984 " 19th, "
S.S. BOKHARA, 2,933 " " to Southampton.
S.S. VENETIA, 2,715 " Nov...

Passengers to and from Gibraltar, and Southampton are conveyed once a fortnight, and the Steamers proceed direct via the Canal.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but continue by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

Cargo can be shipped to the following places in addition to the usual Ports of call, viz.:—

Malta, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Marseilles, Havre, London, Liverpool and New York.

F. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 8th October 1874.

STEAM TO CEYLON, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 27th Oct. 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. GEELONG, 1,584 tons and 250 H.P., Captain C. Wastie, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any sheet of opium, the official receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 24th Oct. 1874.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 6th October 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS & CO., 40, MEADOW STREET.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 2 o'clock P.M., at their Rooms, Meadow Street, No. 40, Fine Piece Goods, Drapery, Muslins, Coloured Handkerchiefs, Cloths, Madapolams, Shillings, and 1 Case Merino Cloth.

3 Cases Smoking Tobacco, 1 and 4 lb. tins.
3 Cases Red Paper Window Curtain.
4 Cases Needles.
4 Cases Guns at 45 by 57.
3 Cases carry 45 by 50.
1 Case Children's Socks and Stockings, 1 case Flowers under shades, and one stand, 1 Case Sandalwood Work Boxes and Writing Cases.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS & Co.

Bombay, 7th October 1874.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE AND CO.

SALE OF DAMAGED COCHINEAL.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, Messrs. S. SHRICHISNAJEE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 2 P.M., on account of the concerned at Apollo Bunder, Warehouse and Port Custom House, the undermentioned Cases of damaged Cochineal, viz.

Exors Orchis—
A 1 to 4—94-91 12 Cases damaged Cochineal.
Exors ...
A 1 to 3—3 Cases damaged Cochineal.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE & Co.

Bombay, 7th October 1874.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

...ORDERS ... Messrs. MENESSE ...

...Twist, &c. &c.
19 Bales Grey Shirtings, ...
7 Cases Black and Yellow Prints, 28 yards
70 Dozen Paper, 4 to 8s.

On account of the concerned—
D B & Co—8 6—11-12—2 Cases damaged Cochineal
On account of the Under-writers—
C E P—13 Cases damaged Crackers, ex S.S. Tehran.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 7th October 1874.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, No. 12, APOLLO STREET, FORT.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 7th inst., at 12 P.M., Messrs. JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE and Company, will sell by public Auction at their Rooms, the following variety of Sundries and Furniture, ...

...pots, milk jugs, wax scissors, chemises of different sizes, toys of ...ipple Irons, small locking glass frames, money purses, Wax ...s, lead pencils, few boxes rubber tipped pencils, ...le garden, &c. ...a few dozen superior Port Wine, belonging to the late J. W. ...ng Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Calcutta.

Furniture, consisting of large size office writing tables, black-wood pegs, cracker chairs with and without arms, towel horse, ...Dispensary fashion, ...ewan, ...ing, ...ers, ...ers, ...ers

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY EVENING, 6th OCTOBER, 1874.

YESTERDAY'S Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm, sales 20,000 bales, spot quotations showing an advance of 1/16d. in Fair Dhollera and Comrawuttee, and ⅛d. per lb. in G. F. Ginned Broach and Mid Orleans. "To arrive" G. F. Ginned Broach, January-February shipment, is still quoted at 6⅞d., while Mid Uplands, November-December shipment, is quoted at 5⅞. per lb., ⅛d. less than the last price given for January-February shipment.

This morning's market opened steady probable sales 15,000 bales, imports 20,000 bales, the previous day's receipts at the American ports being again very heavy, 18,000 bales, exports to Great Britain 5,000. In New York "futures" are unchanged, but Mid Uplands on the spot has declined to 13¼ cents, a fall of ¼ cent per lb.

In yesterday's closing message, General Produce showed no alteration whatever. This morning, Consols opened at 92¼; French Rentes at 60; and Bar Silver at 57 11/16d. per oz.

STERLING EXCHANGE opened firm, the Banks being willing drawers at Is. 10 3/32d. and Is. 10 7/16d. for demand and 6 months' sight, respectively, but towards the close an easier feeling was observable, and these figures were refused to remitters. Of private paper the amount offering continues very limited, and to Banks we have not heard of any sales, but some amounts have been negotiated with houses at Is. 10 11/32 for 3 months. We quote nominally :—

Bank Bills, on demand	Is. 10 3/32d. per Rupee.
Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	Is. 10 13/32d. "
Credits, 6 months' sight	Is. 10 9/16d. "
Documentary Bills, 6 months' sight	Is. 10¼d. "

On Calcutta a moderate business has been done in demand bills at ⅛ to ¼ premium, and a large business in 60 days' sight at ¼ discount. FOR GOVERNMENT PAPER the enquiry continues very slow at unaltered rates, say :—Fours Rs 103; Fours and a half Rs 104; Fives and a half Rs. 103½.

The SHARE MARKET has again been very quiet as a rule; spinning shares particularly so, and prices are decidedly lower. Bank of Bombays and Land shares are steady.

COTTON is very firm owing to the better advices from Liverpool, but prices have not actually advanced. Dealers are asking Rs. 1 per candy more, but buyers show no disposition to pay an increase on yesterday's rates, and only a very moderate business has resulted in consequence.

FREIGHTS by steamer are slightly firmer, the Parsee having now nearly completed her loading. The Parsee has been fixed at £2 by speculators, who are offering to relet at £2 2 6 without finding takers.

For PIECE GOODS there has been a fair enquiry to-day, and in some the lighter weight of 30 inch Shirtings an improvement of as. 1 per piece has been established; but other kinds are only steady at previous rates. There has been some little pressure to sell, T Red Goods resulting in a decline of as. ½ per piece.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value per Shr.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Names.	Cash Balances per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. w.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	36
12,000	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,420
1,000	500	all	12 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	757
16,000	50	20	12	Do 2nd Res. issue	15
		all	8 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,229
19,600	250		8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk	
				of India, London & China	229
45,000	1611	all	12 p.ct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bk	175
40,000	400	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C	175
19,600	250		12½ 5 p.ct.	National Bank of India	150
1,000			12 do	Oriental Bank	348

CASH BALANCES.

CASH BALANCES in the Government Treasuries in India on the last day of the month of August 1874, compared with those on the same date in 1873 and 1872 :—

	1874. Amt.	Amt.	Amt.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bengal	1,06,63,207	98,80,172	1,10,[illegible]
Bombay	30,03,000	32,37,[illegible]	41,[illegible]
N. W. Provinces	2,89,14,333	2,90,45,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Oudh	64,86,215	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Punjab	1,60,84,960	1,29,50,726	1,31,04,[illegible]
Bombay	5,71,39,637	3,61,80,078	1,73,61,226
Central Provinces	60,17,760	55,88,[illegible]	44,88,072
Madras	2,84,65,102	3,38,29,455	1,97,66,962
Total	19,69,61,549	17,45,35,447	14,01,48,192

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 29th September, as compared with that for 22nd September :—

	22nd Sept.	29 Sept.
	Rs.	Rs.
Proprietors' capital paid up	2,30,00,000	2,30,00,000
Reserved fund	16,05,000	16,05,000
Gen'l treasury balance		
Deposits		
Bills issued		
Balance of private deposits		
Government balance		
Bills payable		
Total liabilities		
Cash balance		
Government securities		
Bills discounted and purchased		
Total assets		
Proportion of reserve to liabilities		
Minimum proportion authorized by charter		
Amount of Government securities deposited in the Bank		
Amount of private securities deposited in the Bank		
Average amount of notes in circulation during the week		
Greatest amount of circulation during the week		
Smallest amount of circulation during the week		
Amount of notes issued		
Amount of bullion in the Bank of Bengal		
Amount of bullion in the Bank of England		
Amount of bullion in both banks		
Amount of Government securities held by the Bank of England		
Amount of other securities held by the Bank of England		
Total amount of bullion and securities held by the Bank of England		
Proportion of the reserve to the liabilities		
Minimum proportion authorized by charter		
Amount of Government securities deposited in the Bank of England		
Amount of other securities deposited in the Bank of England		
Average amount of notes in circulation during the week		
Greatest amount of circulation during the week		
Smallest amount of circulation during the week		
Amount of notes issued		
Amount of bullion in the Bank of England		
Amount of bullion in both banks		

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TIMBOY HOUSE, R.S.S. EDWARDES, Captain A. Roberts, arrived in harbour yesterday from Galle (September 28th).

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. DELHI, 1,855 tons, Captain George Lee, sailed yesterday for China, &c., with China Mail and the following passengers :—For [illegible] Hamlah, Mr. Dhunjeebhoy, Mr. Pestonjah Jejeebhoy and Mr. [illegible] Pait. She carried the following cargo :—1,854 chests opium, 116 bales cotton, and sundries.

THE s.s. MARIAN, 801 tons, Captain E. Trotman, who arrived in the 5th instant from Liverpool (August 29th) via the Canal, brought the cargo of 34 packages machinery, 15 packages tools, 112 packages wine and sprits, 1 package canes, 1 hogshead vine, 2 [illegible] ploughs, 620 packages cotton, 100 cases soap, 140 cases yarn, 4 cylinders, 10 packages wool, 200 packages iron, 45 packages woollens, 1 package furniture, packages paper hanging, 12 packages hang cloth, 20 cases tallow, 5 hogsheads canvas, 50 cases gunnies, 10 cases slates, 16 cases and 1 trunk safes, cases stationery, 12 [illegible] 27 large casks, 3 rolls wire rope, 300 packages sundries, 140 cases candles, and some other packages of dry merchandise for transhipment. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. W. and A. Graham and Co.

ARRIVAL.

Vessel.	Commander.	From.
[illegible]	Roberts	Galle, Sept. 28

DEPARTURES.

Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rangoon.
[illegible]	[illegible]	China, &c.

Sailing vessels were enlisted for loading yesterday :—steamer Ethiopia, for Port Calcutta.

steamer Punjaub, for Persian Gulf via Karrachee.

Barque Futtay Sallam, for Mauritius.

DAILY IMPORTS.—OCTOBER 6.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Peiree s, 10 packages hardware, Keekaloy Bhaikally; 30 boxes bar soap, Noorally Audoolally.

Parsee s, 1 case footballs, Rogers and Co.

FROM LONDON.

M Hord s, 100 cases brandy, [illegible] Nevill and Co.

Zambesi s, 73 cases sherry, Cowasjee, Pestonjee Shroffjee.

Rhadopia, 14 cases paper, Dhunjee Shroffjee.

1,345 cases spelter, Tyserjee Jamsetjee and Manjee Goculdas.

FROM GENOA.

Dersita, 30 cases champagne, Rogers and Co; 48 cases brandy, Jamsetjee Nowrojee.

Atalus s, 50 cases brandy, James Jee Nowrojee.

Asia s, 50 cases brandy, Bomanjee Hormanjee and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 6.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Parsonage s, 2 cases shawls, Caladass Moosendedas; 13 bales wool, Volkart Brothers; 50 bales wool, Mooljee Jetha; 130 bales cotton, Sorabjee Darasnaw and Co; 190 bales cotton, Finlay, Scott and Co; 25 bales cotton and 14 bales wool cotton, Mouljee Rashi.

Marian Moore, 300 bales cotton, A. Trading and Co; 150 bales cotton, Heerjee Nuthoo; 1,050 cwts. linseed, Knoop and Co.

Moolton s, 28 bales wool, L. J. Botlebhoy.

Lombardy s, 75 bales wool, Nursee Khuttow.

FOR LONDON.

Sappho, 562½ cwts. myrabollams, Dessa Rhjee.

Meoltar s, 441 cwts. gall, Merally Nuthoo; 75 cwts. myrabollams, and 883 cwts. linseed, Ibu Brothers; 20 bundles E. teeth, Curtimbhoy Allcoobhoy; 306 packages coffee, H. Abdoola H Taiub.

Lombardy s, 128½ cwts horns, Hassum Noor Mamed.

FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Memfi s, 14 pots rosa oil, Esack Salicoon.

FOR TRIESTE.

Memfi s, 49 bales cotton, Bhimjee Shanjee and Co; 240 packages coffee, P. I. S. N. Co; 100 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Memfi s, 14 packages coffee, B. I. S. N. Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Memfi s, 7 pots rosa oil, Mumoodeeboy Mahomedeboy, Mascat.

Moolton s, 5 bundles silk, Hajee Zanal Abedeen.

FOR HONGKONG.

Delhi s, 20 chests opium, Nursey Keshowjee and Co; 22 chests opium, Karachund Luchmidaron; 58 chests opium, E. D. Sassoon.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Delhi s, 22½ chests opium, Ginbermal Talookchund.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CAMBAYSON, 6th October, 4 P.M.—Weather clear, wind north, thermometer 85.

CAMBAY, 6th October, 5 P.M.—Weather fine, wind west north-west, thermometer 85, barometer 29 99.

MAHAMDAVA, 6th October, 11 A.M.—Weather fine, wind east south-west, thermometer maximum 85, minimum 73, wet bulb 77° barometer 29 77.

VYRAVERAN, 6th October, 5 P.M.—Weather fair, wind south, north, thermometer 84, barometer 29 85.

VISSOORA, 6th October, 8-8 P.M.—Weather clear, wind westerly 13, thermometer 85.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The following paragraph 19 of Clause 23 of Army Circulars, dated the 1st March 1871, is published for general information.—Warrant of 23rd October 1873. Clause 23. 19. In article 1, the words "in the army" shall be omitted, and the words "in the Medical Department of our army" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

Order books to be corrected accordingly.

In modification of the existing rules, His Excellency the Governor General in Council has resolved to notify that No. [illegible] and Certificates will now in future be required from officers in civil employ applying for furlough, leave out of India, or absence from duty.

2. When application is made by officers applying for furlough, or private affairs, to enable the required to furnish a certificate from the Secretary of Administration concerned, that there are no known irregularities in his accounts pending adjustment, or heavy demands for payment remaining unsatisfied. He will also at the time of relief obtain from his successor, in addition to the usual receipt for cash and stores, a certificate that, as far as can be ascertained after careful examination, nothing irregular, or any known demands against him remain unadjusted in his office. This certificate will be sent on date of relief direct to the Controller of Military Accounts.

3. The provisions of existing orders as regards officers on leave on medical certificate, or intending to retire from the service, remain in force.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 5.

Spencer, Lieutenant A.D.C. on duty from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—OCTOBER 6.

Hall, Major, Deputy Adjutant General on leave, to Poona.

Lane, Colonel, Staff Corps, on leave to Poona.

Fuller, Colonel, Royal Engineers, to Madhowpoor.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, October 3.)

AGENT, GOVERNOR GENERAL IN INDIA.

Capt J. Hunting, Wing Subn, Bhopal Battalion, is granted twenty-seven days' privilege leave from the date in October, on which he may avail himself of the same.

AGENT, GOVERNOR GENERAL IN RAJPOOTANA.

Capt C Berkeley, the Political Agent at Meywar and Dungurpore, has been granted thirty days' privilege leave to enable him to proceed to Bombay and Poona, and from Poona to Calcutta, on urgent private affairs, and will avail himself of it.

REVENUE SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Mr Charles [illegible] Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, is granted leave of absence for one month.

TOPOGRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lieut [illegible] Assistant Superintendent, Topographical Department, has been granted leave for three months from the 8th Sept to the 8th December 1874, is granted to Capt E [illegible] Riddell, in charge of No 7 Topographical Party.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Lieut Charlton, R.E. passed the Lower Standard Examination in Hindustanee on the 6th of Sept. 1874.

DIRECTOR OF STATE RAILWAYS.

Mr C J Shaw, B. Engr. 1st grade, Punjab Northern State Railway, is for short leave four months and 20 days, on medical certificate, with effect from 1st May next.

Mr Edward Alexander, Ex. Engr. 2nd grade, Holkar State Railway, is appointed to the Northern State Railway.

Mr Charles Jacobs, Ex. Engr. 1st grade, Punjab Northern State Railway, has been allowed by the Government of India to avail himself of leave on medical certificate in extension of the leave granted him from the 26th [illegible] to the 25th [illegible] 1874.

Mr H [illegible] Ex. Engr. 1st grade, Punjab Northern State Railway, is appointed to officiate as Executive Engineer, Rohtuck Division, in the room of Mr

INTELLIGENCE.

...'S TELEGR...

LONDON, 5th ...ctober, Aft...
... Market ... firm; Surats ...

...d.
...ds, for account ... 92½
...a Rents, ... 9
... 97½
...cels have passed through the Suez ...rabia, and King ...ssar.

...fied that His Excellency the ...vernor General will leave Cal... the 15th October 1874, for ...

... Government has been pleased ...cognition by the Government of ... Bienenfeld as Acting Vice ... Aden.

... by the Viceroy and Governor ...ncil is pleased to recognize the ... of Mr. William Gillmour Hall as ... Consular Dungarpur Empire at ...

... SERJE Ross, C.S. assumed com... the Sangor District on the 1st of the ... is believed that Brigadier-General ... will ... the command on his return to ... ensuing month.

... General in Council is pleased to ... the duty chargeable under the ... Act on every instrument ... transferable property where ... money ... to be paid for equality of ex...

... we are assured, to suppose that ... Lee-Warner goes to Berar at present as ... of Public Instruction. He will be employed as Second Assistant Collector at Ahmedabad till some better appointment can be found for him.

The *Madras Mail* hears that Captain George Bernard Hobart, at present attached to the 14th Brigade Royal Artillery, will succeed Captain Henry Pritchard as Military Secretary to Lord Hobart. Captain Hobart is a nephew of the Governor.

A Sangor dated Budhaira, 5th October, mentions that the weather during the preceding week had been very favourable for the cotton crop. The rains are nearly over, but it is not usual to have rain in the end of October, and we can only hope to be free from anxiety until the first picking of the crop is over, but so far all promises well.

A Defence Committee is about to be formed at Umballa, the local paper says, for the purpose of collecting funds from traders and private individuals. The Committee will be presided over by Colonel Smith, R. H. A., with Major Musgrave commanding the Bengal Cavalry "Cureton's Horse," and Veterinary Surgeon Dwyer as members.

It is the custom of all previous orders regarding leave passes to military officers in civil employ on leave, that the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that a subaltern in civil employ is entitled to passage money when he proceeds to England on furlough or medical certificate, and that he is entitled to passage money on his return to India at the expiration of his furlough pay.

It has been determined, not to hold the Narayen Vasudeo memorial meeting till the middle of next month, as so many people are at present and will be for some weeks to come absent from Bombay. If the meeting had been held to-morrow, as was proposed, it would have clashed with the important event of the opening of the Nizam's State Railway, which a large party of gentlemen from Bombay have been invited to attend.

It has been ordered by the Government of India that when an officer in charge of cash or stores applies for furlough on private affairs, he will be required to furnish a certificate from the Examiner of Accounts, stating that there are no known irregularities in his accounts pending adjustment, or any demands for payment remaining unsatisfied. No change is made in the rules as regards officers proceeding on leave on medical certificate.

GUL NAM KAN, accused of causing the death of his wife in Fort Muchee Bhawun, will be tried by a General Court-Martial during next week at Sangor, under orders from the Right Honble. the Commander-in-Chief. The Court will be assembled under the provisions of the 101st Clause of the Mutiny Act, the offence of which the prisoner is accused, that is, being punishable by Criminal law Sharee, is also punishable under the Indian Penal Code.

The *Madras Athenæum* says:—"We understand that a sort of set off and amends for being virtually compelled to retire from the service, the late Senior Magistrate of Police, Mr. T. G. Clarke, is to be the coming man for the Shrievalty for the ensuing year. Should this appointment be conferred on Mr. Clarke, it will of course be a recoup him for the loss of income consequent on his compulsory retirement. With his large and varied experience a better selection cannot, we think, be made."

It is stated that Colonel Carnegy is to succeed to the appointment of Superintendent of Army Clothing, on Colonel Macleod, who retires on the 31st December next, in which case Colonel Jacob, now Commissioner of the 22nd, may be transferred to the command of the 21st. We suppose that as soon as Lieut.-Colonel Charles Staveley takes over command of the Bombay Army all vacant appointments will be filled up, and we hope several Commanders will not be disappointed.

A correspondent writes from Umballa to the Lahore papers:—"The much-talked-of Soldiers' Institute, in charge of Colonel Holland, commenced ... and will last about a week. Deputations are coming in daily from all regions of this Presidency. Preparations are being made for a grand race week, and the presence of the Commander-in-Chief and his Staff, with 50 or more, with the probability of a Viceroy also, or something like it, has raised the calf of the Umballa householders and tradesmen to fever heat. The place is flooded with Lieutenants, who have come from all parts, to go through the course of garrison instruction."

We notice that Sir Albert Sassoon, our well known citizen, has lately been travelling in good company in England. On the Wednesday before the last mail left His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Ashford by the mid day down train from Charing Cross, and, the fact that he would arrive having been previously made known, several respectable inhabitants were present at the railway station. His Royal Highness entered the carriage of Sir Albert Sassoon, and the owner and two other gentlemen accompanied him to Eastwell Park, where he was the guest of Sir Albert for a few hours, and inspected the mansion. His Royal Highness returned to town by the train leaving Ashford at 4 p.m.

From the return of approximate receipts on thirteen guaranteed railways for the week ending 15th August 1874, we find the total traffic receipts to be £ 3,67,3,555, showing an increase of £ 13,8,439 on the previous year in this same period, divided as follows:—East Indian ... £ 1,54,[illegible] ditto Jubbulpore Branch ... £ 5,[illegible], and Punjab and Delhi Rs. 3,14,058; Great Southern Peninsula Rs. 11,20,780; Oudh ... Rs. 5,39,982; Eastern Bengal ... Rs. 2,93,381. The Madras line shows a decrease for the same period of Rs. 8,16,674 and South Indian Rs. 1,71,051. The receipts on the State lines for the period under notice amount to Rs. 5,01,000 and exceeds those of last year by Rs. 3,08,130.

The Governor-General in Council observes that the rule under which deposits made in the Presidency Saving Banks within the first four working days of the month bear interest from the beginning of that month, is the occasion of very considerable complication in the accounts. It has also fostered an incorrect idea of the object of Government Savings Bank. His Excellency in Council accordingly directs that in lieu of this rule, the District Savings Bank rule No. 6 shall be introduced in the Presidency Savings Banks from 1st April 1875. That rule is as follows:—"Interest will be calculated on money in deposit from the first day of the month succeeding that of deposit, and up to the last day of the month preceding that in which it is withdrawn."

A plea for the employment of steam labour in jails comes from Burmah. It is asserted that no hard labour can ever involve the same amount of penal work to a native convict as working in a steam mill does. The necessity of continuous attention and the impossibility of dozing over mill work makes it distasteful to the convict. The manual labour of breaking stones may be greater, but it is carried on in a lounging idle way, as every one can testify who has seen the style of work in the neighbourhood of one of our central prisons. It is also asserted that in jails where steam manufacture and hand labour are carried on together, no prisoner ever applies to be transferred from the latter class to the former, although the same culprit will work has the advantage of economy, as it more than covers the cost of jail establishments.

The following are the remarks of the Agricultural Department on the state of the season and prospects of the crops for the week ending the 1st October 1874:—From Madras general prospects are reported to be satisfactory, but considerable damage appears to have been caused by floods in the Kistna district. From Bombay the reports are generally favourable, and on the whole an excellent harvest is expected, but much injury has been caused by floods to the kharif crops in Sind. In Bengal the rainfall of the week has again been so favourable and general, that the prospects of the great rice crop may now be almost pronounced as saved; and the loss from floods proves to be less than was anticipated. The last of the early rice is being harvested, and land is already being prepared for the rabi sowings, which indeed have already commenced in some places.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the substitution of the following example and exception for the example and rule under section 20 (*a*) of the Acting Allowance Code:—Examples of the appointments referred to.—The appointments of post-masters general and judges of small cause courts of the first class in Bengal, viz., the small cause courts in Calcutta and Sealdah, the principal court in Jessore and the courts in Mugoorah, Jehanabad, Narail, Hooghly, Serampore and Howrah. Exception.—The above section does not apply to the cases of officers officiating in appointments in the classified list of the Financial Department. His Excellency in Council is also pleased to sanction the insertion of the following example under section 20 (*b*) of the Acting Allowance Code:—Examples of the appointments referred to.—Extra assistant commissionerships in the Punjab, judgeships of small cause courts in Bengal, not mentioned in the example under section 20 (*a*) and the subordinate judgeships with which they are classed.

The Dera Ismail Khan correspondent of the Lahore paper learns that the Russian Governor had sent a Vakeel to Sirdar Mahomed Yakoob Khan, to ask his permission to allow some Russian troops to pass through his country in order to fight with the Turkomans, to whom he was under no obligation, not even any of them to remain in his country, except a few whom he may wish to protect. The Vakeel also informed Sirdar Mahomed Yakoob Khan that Sirdars Abdool Rahman Khan and Secunder Khan are about to pay him a visit, and that they have asked the Russian Governor to help him in his rebellion against the Ameer of Cabul. Sirdar Mahomed Yakoob Khan, it is said, heartily agreed to all that the Vakeel proposed in a form of agreement, in which the Vakeel has declared that Yakoob Khan will in future be recognised as a friend and well-wisher of the Russians, and that whenever he may require any assistance in the shape of money or men, he will receive the same from the Russians. Our contemporary observes—"We give this rumour for what it is worth."

The *Indian Observer*:—The *Indian Mirror* frequently deprecates, with holy horror, the sad exhibition of race prejudice on the part of Anglo-Indians. It is doubtless in a true spirit of brotherly love that our respected native contemporary remarks—"Mr. J. C. Hall, the insane murderer, was packed off to England by the s.s. Ithuriel, which sailed from Bombay on Friday last." We would merely observe that a maniac may be a homicide, but cannot properly be styled a murderer, and the *Mirror* knows this as well as we do; but it is evident that Mr. Hall, being an Englishman, has in the opinion of the Brahmo apostolic organ, forfeited all claim to the tender consideration for his great misfortune which he would otherwise have been entitled to. It is in no spirit of antagonism that we notice these little peculiarities of the *Indian Mirror*; but we consider it our duty to point out that the chastening and purifying influences of Brahmoism have not altogether succeeded in eradicating the envy, hatred, and malice with which the educated Bengalees regard those to whom they are mainly indebted for the manifold blessings they enjoy under British rule.

The Governor General in Council directs that the following be inserted as Rule 3 under Section 13 of the Civil Pension Code:—3. An officer on the establishment of any Government school in Bengal, the expenses of which are paid out of lump sum assignments made to a local committee having the direct management of the school and also out of the fees received at the school, may, with the permission of the local Government, subscribe for pension or gratuity under the rules in this code, in the manner prescribed in Section 35, provided, in the case of an officer hereafter appointed, that the appointment is made at the proper age, and that a certificate of good health, as prescribed in Rules 2 and 3 of Section 49, is submitted by him if he is appointed to superior service. An officer on the establishment of any school the expenses of which are paid out of municipal funds and from the fees received at the school, may, in like manner, and under the same conditions, subscribe for pension and gratuity. When the local Government allows an officer to subscribe for pension or gratuity his name, with his age and other particulars necessary for his identification, shall be recorded in the office of the accountant general. The certificate of good health should also be sent to that office.

ALL cause of anxiety regarding the prospects of the coming crops being at an end, the deliberations held at Sahibgunge and on board the Rhotas by the Lieutenant-Governor and his officers resulted, the *Pioneer* understands, in orders being issued for the general reduction of the staff employed on the special famine duty in the Bhaugulpore, Rajshahye, and Patna Divisions, and the closing of most of the relief works. Some few may have to remain for a short time to close up accounts and to submit final reports, but the majority of the civilians sent to Bengal from the North-Western and Central Provinces will, it is believed, rejoin their Governments at once, and the military officers will return to their regiments. The anima's and stock of the Reserve Transport Train, now working under the orders of the Commissioner of Patna, will be sold off as soon as possible. Lieutenant-Colonel MacGregor, who has so successfully managed the Transport Trains, remains temporarily to finish up the accounts and to write a report on the Transport operations in Tirhoot, and will be succeeded by Major De Kantzow, who will arrange for the disposal of the stock under the orders of Mr. Rivett-Carnac. A portion of the officers and troops employed with the Train will remain with the detachment until the animals, &c., are sold, and will then return to their regiments.

THE *Indian Observer* draws a comparison between Von Moltke's conduct of the Franco-German War and Sir Richard Temple's conduct of the Bengal famine by no means complimentary to the latter. The former, he says, directed the operations of the German Army literally from his closet, being in telegraphic communication with every corps and having decided beforehand upon the general plan of the campaign; whereas the latter, by hurrying about the country and visiting every spot in which a shower of rain is wanted or a scanty crop expected, apparently wishes it to be supposed that there is not a single Commissioner in his Province whose reports he can trust, or in whose unaided judgment he can repose any confidence. This, if true, observes our contemporary, would be a serious matter, because even Sir Richard, although a host in himself, could hardly concentrate the whole administration of Bengal in his own person; but we prefer to believe that the Bengal Civil Service is efficient as a body—Sir Richard's action notwithstanding—and that the Lieutenant-Governor is merely seeking to create a favourable impression of the energy and activity in a quarter where timeel is not unfrequently mistaken for gold. Hailed by admiring millions at home as the Saviour of Bengal, our wandering hero may well afford to despise the comments of persons who presume to hint that the efficacy of the prescription for the famine patients would have been equally great if the eminent Consulting Physician had quietly remained at Belvedere, instead of constantly flitting about in special trains and special yachts, holding durbars of officials, and taking sweet counsel with *Times'* correspondents.

THE following description of the new Ice Machine recently erected in Madras, and which is supplied by Messrs. Siebe, West and Co., is from the *Madras Times*:—The two tanks in which the ice is made the upright drum or cylinder in which the ether is evaporated, and the steam machinery for producing the necessary vacuum, filled a much smaller space than one would have expected. The boiler which supplies the steam to the pump is in an outhouse immediately behind the building. The pump produces a vacuum in the upright drum or cylinder, which is of metal encased in wood. The ether within this drum is converted into vapour, the intense cold of which reduces the temperature of the salt water which is contained in the tubes that are in the drum. The vaporised ether is condensed and returned to the drum to be again vaporised and recondensed so long as the manufacture continues. When the temperature of the salt water is considerably below the freezing point of fresh-water, it is sent into the hollow parallel and vertical cells of metal which form partitions in the tanks. These cells are about thirteen inches apart and are carefully made, so that none of their contents can escape into the fresh-water with which the spaces between the cells are filled. The temperature of the water salt-water, which is then returned to the drum or cylinder whence it came, there to be again recooled by the vaporised ether. In fact this drum or cylinder is the heart of the whole machine. The ice forms against the sides of the metal partitions in the tanks, which affect ... surfaces of the water lying between ... hooks for withdrawing the slabs are frozen into the ice as it forms, and tackle overhead enable the workmen to remove the slabs as soon as it is considered that they have reached a sufficient thickness. To separate those slabs from the sides of the metal cells or partitions ... when they are frozen, hot water is forced into the cells and withdrawn immediately the separation has been effected.

A CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING AT TRICHINOPOLY.

Our correspondent at Trichinopoly, writing on the 2nd instant, sends us the following:—"In the Court of the Head Assistant Magistrate of Trichinopoly, yesterday, on the information of Mrs. Maria Martin, widow, warrants were issued by his Worship for the arrest of two Mussulmans, said to be servants of the Great Hindu High Priest, Sankara Charlar, now residing in the Fort, on a charge of kidnapping from guardianship. From the Martin's deposition ... lowing facts were elicited. Mrs. Martin, ... Martin, a minor, ... claimed these clothes as part of the defendants, and this having displeased Mrs. Martin, she and the boy several times for raising with the Mussulmans. On the evening of the 28th ultimo, at 7 o'clock, Charles Martin and his sister Mrs. Josephine Tapley, a widow of about 20 years of age, with her infant daughter, were seen sitting in prosecutrix's verandah, and this was the last time the prosecutrix saw them. Ever since then, the whole three were missed by her, and on enquiries she found that her son Charles and Mrs. Tapley, with her infant, were secreted in a choultry situated in a remote corner of the Fort Evening Bazaars, where were also to be seen the defendants. Prosecutrix had reason to believe that defendants had enticed away her daughter by deceitful means, as her daughter was always a good girl. His Worship, on the above information, issued a warrant for the arrest of the defendants. Later in the evening, the defendants were arrested by the police, and a most disgraceful scene was enacted in the Fort Police Station, where were to be seen Mrs. Tapley, with her infant, and her Mussulman companions, amidst a very large crowd of spectators, shedding tears of the most unnatural affection for each other. Mrs. Tapley is a Roman Catholic, and with a determination that is lamentable to witness, asseverated before the Town Police Inspector, Mr. Warner, that she would never leave or forsake her Mussulman protector that she had gone away ... him of her own accord; that he was the most amiable man she had ever met with; that she loved him most dearly, and that marry him she would, in spite of all difficulties, when they reached Hyderabad, to which place they intended wending their way. It was really provoking to see the consummate impudence with which one of the defendants, the principal, in the case, took up in his arms Mrs. Tapley's infant (her deceased husband was a European Inspector of Police at Trichinopoly), and, with an air of paternal fondness, coaxed it to sleep, while the Town Inspector, Mr. Warner, was instituting inquiries into the case; but this officer soon interfered, and put an end to such manifestation of paternal solicitude, by ordering the man to make over the poor little creature to Mrs. Tapley's ayah. I hear that a search made by the police to trace the whereabouts of the boy Charles Martin, has, up to this time, proved fruitless. I shall let you know further particulars of this sad affair." It seems that "conversions" bear different aspects to the party from whose number the "pervert" is taken, and that to whose ranks the "convert" is added.—*Madras Times*.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

OFFICE—6TH OCTOBER, 5 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 6th October, 1-55 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 30 minutes.

Via Suez, 6th October, 12-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 5 minutes.

Latest date from Continent of Europe.

Via Turkey, 6th October, 5-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 11 hours 21 minutes.

Via Suez, 6th October, 9-15 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 19 minutes.

Latest date from Australia.

Via Singapore, 6th October, 7 P.M. Time in transit 5 hours 45 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 5 P.M. of the 4th to 8 P.M. of the 6th October is as follows:—

	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	2 26	0 5
" Kurrachee	1 17	0 19
" Madras	0 15	0 1

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORT.

KURRACHEE, 6th October, 8 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Bussia, 5th October, 1855 P.M. Latest dates from Continent of Europe, via Russia, 5th October, 1855 P.M. via Turkey, 5th October, 5-45 P.M. Last night's Mail via Turkey and Persian line right to London.

BOMBAY.

A MENDICANT.—One Balcrishna Ballao, a mendicant, was yesterday found lying sick on the Queen's Road, and conveyed to the Dewanjee Hospital.

LOST.—One Veerchund Dulcharam reported to the police that on Monday last, while at the Mazagaon Bazaar, he lost eight large pearls, of the value of Rs. 225.

THEFT OF CARRIAGE LAMPS.—One Luckmeedass Oodowjee reported to the police the theft from his stables, at New Hunnuman lane, of a pair of carriage lamps, valued at Rs. 30.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Aden, Suez, and Port Said, per extra s.s. Mesmi, will be closed at the General Post Office on Friday, the 9th inst., at 5 p.m.—C. A. STUART, Post Master.

SHORT WEIGHT.—Private Khem Sing, a Punjanbe, sepoy of the 20th Regiment N. I., charged a Bunya of the Market, before the Senior Magistrate of Police, with having given him short weight of "ghoor." The Bunya being convicted was fined twenty rupees.

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN.—Privates Henry Stanford, Edward Smith, Michael Arley, and Manchulon, of Her Majesty's 63th Regiment, were found guilty by the City Magistrate of Poona, of voluntarily causing hurt to deter a public servant from his duty, and rioting, under sections 147 and 332 of the Indian Penal Code, and sentenced each to one months rigorous imprisonment.—*Poona Observer*.

THEFT.—One Hajee Ascor Barack reported to the police, that on Monday evening last he was at the Bhendy Bazaar, standing at a shop with two gold coins in his hand, and that a Mahomedan came up and asked permission to examine one of them. The interment unsuspectingly gave him one of the pieces, with which he immediately decamped. The police have not yet succeeded in arresting him.

A FIRE.—On the night of Monday last a fire broke out in the shop of Mr. Brown, a plumber, at Marine Street. Fortunately, as it happened, some Europeans were passing by, and upon observing the glare at once raised an alarm. The door was forced open, and a box containing a quantity of scrap iron was found to be on fire. The Port fire-engines were quickly on the spot, but it was not found necessary to use them. The damage is estimated at about Rs. 10.

"GOPEECHUND."—This is the title of a new drama, which was placed on the boards of the Victoria Theatre, for the first time on Saturday last, by the talented members of the Victoria Theatrical Company. The friends of the Club must have been delighted to see a full house like the one that greeted the musterers. The Illuminations were pretty, and the band of the 5th Brigade R.A. enlivened the audience during the interval. The play is based on a story familiar to the natives of this country, for "Gopeechund," beauty, his good deeds, and his misfortunes are familiar to them as household words. The story was effectively dramatised, and "Gopeechund," "Mainawatee," "Modna" and the other Rances were fairly brought into prominence. The novelty of the piece was the introduction of two characters in the persons of the court jester and a princess, who takes the garb of a jogun (female hermit) and wanders about in search of the man who can infuse into her the sovereign passion—love. The deceptions which they practice on each other, and the transformations effected in their dress and character were surprisingly clever, and one could repeat a glance that in each there was a "diamond cut diamond." We strongly recommend this play to the notice of the ... we trust, it will be patronised by a good house.

EXTENSIVE THEFT OF WEARING APPAREL.—One Mahomed Ismail Shah was yesterday charged before Mr. Cooper, at the Fort Police-Court, by a certain Mahomed Jeroz with stealing from his residence several pieces of wearing apparel and embroidered silk, of the total value of Rs. 150. Callian Dadoo, the first witness, deposed:—I am a hawker in old clothes and reside in Dongree. Yesterday forenoon, at 11 o'clock, I saw the prisoner on the Khara Talao road. The prisoner told me that he had clothes for sale, and confounded me ... a neighbouring street. He showed me this ... coat, this cloth waistcoat, this velvet coat, and this silk wait-coat. He asked me to purchase them. He asked Rs. 40 for them. I suspected something wrong and asked the prisoner to point out some one who would guarantee his character. He said he would point out a man. I then left. I returned to the prisoner's house in half an hour. I saw this police sepoy No. 999 C. close to the prisoner's house. He took me to the prisoner's room. The prisoner was standing before the door of his room. I said to the sepoy the prisoner is the man of whom I wanted to buy clothes. Another police sepoy came. This is the man, No. 155 ... took the prisoner downstairs and immediately returned with the prisoner and these clothes (Ex. F.). I then went with the police and the prisoner to the police ... boy at Null. I afterwards went to the ... tor's ... Street with the police, prisoner, and ... and also with these clothes ... claimed these clothes as part ... The prisoner was afterwards taken ... with the property. Cross-examined by the ... I did not buy any clothes from you for Rs. ... not take a bundle of clothes away from you. ... point out the prosecutor's house. The evid... her witness was taken, after which his Wor... ued the case till the 15th instan...

TRANSMITTING ... CONTRARY TO POSTAL REGULATIONS.—This case was ... med yesterday, at the Fort Police ... before the ... nior Magistrate, who, in dismi... charge, m... the following remarks:—This is ... ought ... Post Office authorities against ... Bowring ... der clause 3 of section 46 of Act ... of 1863, "an ... amend the law for the ... ment of the Post Office for the regulation ... duties, of postage, and for the punishment ... fences against the Post Office," by making a ... of letters for the purpose of transmitting them through the post in a stubbed packet. The facts proved in evidence against the defendant are, that he did about the 9th day of August last partly write and cause to be written by prisoner's mukhtar or servants thirteen letters addressed to thirteen different persons or firms at Ahmedabad, which thirteen letters were enclosed in one packet and addressed to Dowlutchund Motichund at Ahmedabad, and which packet, with its contents, was transmitted by post to Ahmedabad, where it was opened by the said Dowlutchund Motichund in the presence of Madhewrow Wisswanath, the postmaster at Ahmedabad, and was found to contain the said thirteen letters. The section is a penal one, and must be construed strictly in favour of the ... Clause 3 contemplates two offences—firstly, by the person making a collection of letters for the purpose of transmitting them through the post in a stubbed packet; secondly, by any person knowingly delivering a letter to be sent in a stubbed packet. The person making the collection of letters for such purpose, and each person from whom a letter shall be collected knowingly for such a purpose, will each be liable to the penalty imposed by the clause. In the interpretation clause of the Act sec. 2, stubbed packet shall be taken to mean a packet containing a *collection* of letters not made by an agent of the Post Office, transmitted through the post with the view of the enclosed letters being delivered to more than one person through the agent of the person by whom the packet was made up; a collection of letters not made by *an agent* of the Post Office. An agent of the post office would in the ordinary course of his duties collect letters from different persons. I do not think you can reasonably apply the term "making a collection of letters" to a person writing a number of letters to different persons and enclosing them in one packet. With some slight hesitation I think that the reasonable construction to put on the clause is that it was the intention of the Legislature to impose the penalty upon any person collecting letters from other persons for the purpose of transmitting them by post in one packet addressed to his agent at some other place, for the purpose of distribution there by such agent to ... third person. That the clause does not apply to a person enclosing in one packet letters written by himself and sent to the ... the course of his business to several persons, and transmitted by post to one of those persons for delivery to the others. If the Legislature had intended the penalty to be inflicted in such a case, I think the clause would have been worded very differently to what it is.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FORT.

Wednesday, 8 P.M.—Psalms 42-2, Time 9-13, Hymn 156, Time 2-20, Hymn 144, Time 2-12.

MAKING A FALSE DECLARATION.

THIS matter was continued yesterday before Mr. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, Mr. Jefferson, on behalf of the accused Arjun Jadowjee, expressed his readiness to forego his original plea of not guilty, if the court would, in consideration of the step, take a lenient view of the case in disposing of it. To this proposition his Worship made no reply, and Mr. Jefferson interpreting his silence as a tacit consent, withdrew his plea, and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. The accused had for several years transacted business with Messrs. Forbes and Co., and submitted to the Court an original certificate of honesty and invariable good character furnished him by that well known firm. His Worship upon a reference to section 219 of Act 6 of 1864, found that the accused had rendered himself liable to a fine of Rs. 1,000, and in consistency with his duty as a magistrate and with a view to meet the ends of justice, his Worship was of opinion that he could do no less than sentence the prisoner to pay a fine of Rs. 500. Mr. Jefferson expressed himself much surprised at the severity of the sentence after receiving the Court's promise to be lenient as possible with his client; that although there had been no promise made in so many words, yet he (Mr. Jefferson), held that in the absence of a distinct refusal to his application he considered himself justified in construing the Court's silence as a tacit consent. His Worship here denied having made any promise of the kind alluded to, and informed Mr. Jefferson that his decision was final. Later in the day the entire amount of the fine was paid into the Court and the prisoner discharged.

THE PORT TRUSTEES AND THE NATIVE BOAT OWNERS.

We have been requested to publish the following petition to the ... Bombay Port Trust from the undersigned merchants and boat-owners of the City and Presidency of Bombay:—

1. That it appears from a notice just issued by your authority, under the hand of Mr. Ryan, Traffic Manager of the Port Trust Bunder, that, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 57 of the Port Trust Act, certain fees, more particularly specified in the said notice, will be charged from the 7th day of October, instant, on all boats, whether loaded or empty, that come from basins or bunders other than the Port Trust basins or bunders. A copy of the said notice is hereto annexed and marked *A*.

2. Now your petitioners humbly submit, that if the proposed new tariff be enforced, not only will your petitioners' individual interest be seriously injured thereby, but trade in general must suffer. Being convinced of the truths of this, they beg to suggest, for the reconsideration of the trustees (amongst many other reasons), against enforcing the proposed new scheme, the following, viz:—

3. Because boats employed in carrying cargoes from bunders, other than the Port Trust bunders, to vessels or steam ships lying off, do, as a general rule, take some days to discharge their cargoes. And in such as during the monsoon the captain of such vessels or steamships will never allow the boats to lie alongside, after sunset, every boat must at sunset return and take shelter for the night, and each and every night, until they have discharged their cargoes in some bunders or other, and they have hitherto invariably returned and taken shelter in the Port Trust bunders. They have always done this because they are the nearest and the safest. This, be pleased to observe, has been their practice from time out of mind. It is a practice so well known, a practice at once so uniform and so ancient, as to amount almost to a prescriptive right. These basins have always been regarded, in this respect, as harbours or places of refuge during the raging storms of the monsoon months, and your petitioners as well as the whole trading community of Bombay regard them so still. Now the fees specified in the proposed new tariff, if levied ... have the effect ... the boats to ... than an increase of ... pense as to render ... trade, now even barely remunerative, to be wholly unprofitable.

4. Because such boats, in order to avoid the payment of the proposed fees which they will and must do (so oppressive will the fees be that the trade cannot stand up against them) will inevitably be driven to run for shelter into bunders other than the Port Trust bunders where the sea in general is exceedingly rough and dangerous during the monsoon. Thus, the Port Trust will gain no additional income by the new tariff. The insurance offices will lose this lucrative branch of business from the increased risks arising from running into other bunders, and render an insurance next to impossible and sea risks, not to speak of the increased risk of human life on board the boats will be fearfully increased in consequence.

5. Because these boats under the law now in force have to pay 6 rupees a year for seafaring and 2 rupees per year for custom register, and it is unreasonable to expect that under existing circumstances, this particular branch of trade can stand any further imposition.

6. Because the levying of the proposed fees will compel boat owners to take out every day from the office of the Port Trust bunder receipts for payment of those fees; this of itself, like all other matters of circumlocution contrivance, will unnecessarily put men, whose time is valuable, to harassing ... vations, and needless inconvenience and delay, without any benefit resulting to any one, as far as your petitioners can see. This is not all; for it it be, as is very often the case, that the shippers have purchased the cargo, in part or in whole, and are obliged to raise some money on the shipment, when that is so, they will be unable, fettered as they will be under such receipts, to ship the cargo at ... raise money thereon. This in effect will be not only to delay the departure of the vessel, but will seriously affect the credit of the shipper in the eyes of those merchants with whom he deals.

7. Because the levying of the fees contained in the new tariff will be a great hindrance, amounting in some cases to a positive prohibition to merchants carrying out their contracts for the delivery of goods on board by a ... dated or fixed time, inasmuch as the inconvenience ... delay caused by the necessity to get the ... boat ... ascertained and the like, must more or less ... at least greatly impede, merchants from shipping their ... in due time, and thus throw considerable obstruction in the way of performing their contracts. And when a breach of contract takes place, as often will almost inevitably be the case, they will be subjected to heavy damages, and that without any real fault on their part.

Lastly, your petitioners beg humbly to submit that they entered into their respective business and invested their capital upon the faith that Government would never allow the bunder fees on the Elphinstone estate to be increased. On the contrary, that the Government would take every opportunity in their power for the sake of commerce to reduce them. Your petitioners, therefore, for the above reasons (amongst others) pray that you will be pleased to take the subject matter of the above notice into your reconsideration, and in the exercise of your better discretion order the said resolution and notice to be cancelled.

(Signed,) Jewraj Balloo
Girjashunker Vijeshunker
Narsey Keesowjee & Co
Desra Gingadher
Luximdass Khimjee
Muthooradass Lowjee
Nunjee Mooljee
Jairaj Peerbhoy
Bhicoo Sazba
Moorar Mooljee
Hurry Bhanjee
& 407 others.

Bombay, 1st October 1874.

HIGH COURT DECREES.

AT the High Court, yesterday, the following cases were heard before Mr. Justice Bayley:—

KESSOWJEE MAIK V. ALFRED PRESTON.

Mr. Hart, instructed by Messrs. Rimington, Hore and Langley for the plaintiff, applied for a postponement, as the summons had not been served upon the defendant. The case was accordingly postponed for two months.

ABDOOLA BIN ALLY SAHIB COOR V. NARAYEN CRUSHNA LAUD AND OTHERS.

Mr. Hart, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, appeared for the plaintiff, and applied for a postponement, which was granted until the 19th January 1875.

HURGOPAL PREMSOOLDAS V. GUNGADAS AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Laing, instructed by Messrs. Shapurjee and Thakurdas, was for the plaintiff. On an application made on behalf of defendant, the case was transferred to the long cause list.

SOOGOOBHOY PEERBHOOY V. W. M. CRAWFORD.

Mr. Taylor, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, on behalf of the plaintiff, applied for a postponement, as the summons had not been served on the defendant. A postponement for three months was granted. There was no appearance for the defendant.

THE LONDON, BOMBAY AND MEDITERRANEAN BANK V. JEEJEEBHOY JEWANJEE BOMJEE.

Mr. Starling, instructed by Messrs. Dallas, Lynch and Tobin, appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant is at present a lunatic, and his brother, who was appointed by his Lordship some time ago a committee of his person, stated that defendant was of unsound mind when he became a shareholder of the plaintiff company. Mr. Budrodin, on behalf of defendant's brother, asked for time to file a written statement and that the case should be transferred to the long causes list. His Lordship ordered the case to be transferred accordingly.

THE LONDON, BOMBAY AND MEDITERRANEAN BANK V. ARDESIR MOBARSHA MONSHEE.

Mr. Taylor, instructed by Messrs. Dallas, Lynch, and Tobin, appeared for the plaintiffs. The action was brought to recover money due on account of calls. The court gave a decree for plaintiffs for Rs. 1,600 with interest at 9 per cent. per annum from the 24th October 1870 until payment and costs.

MOMLA FANNA AND ANOTHER V. OMARBAI AHMEDBHOY ESTATE AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Telang, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, appeared for the plaintiff. The case was, on counsel's application, postponed until the first short cause day after the vacation.

VUNDRAWUNDAS MULJI AND ANOTHER V. BAI DHUNBAIBE WIDOW, AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Farran, instructed by Mr. Ghandibhoy, on behalf of the plaintiff, applied for a postponement, which was granted until to-morrow.

THE LONDON, BOMBAY AND MEDITERRANEAN BANK V. GOCULDAS DEWJEE.

Mr. Starling, instructed by Messrs. Dallas, Lynch, and Tobin, appeared for the plaintiffs, who sued to recover money due for calls. The Advocate General, for the defendant, applied that the case be transferred to the long causes list. The defendant denied that he was a contributory and wanted to file a written statement. His Lordship directed the case to be transferred to the long cause list.

JOHN MACFARLANE AND ANOTHER V. JOHN HENRY BATTY WOOD.

Mr. Leith, instructed by Messrs. Macfarlane and Skipsey, appeared for the plaintiff and applied for a consent decree in terms of the plaint. His Lordship gave a consent decree for plaintiff for Rs. 1,161 for money due to him on an adjusted account, with interest at 7 per cent. from 1st August 1874 and costs.

DAWOOD SHAMJEE V. MITTUBHAI TOOLSEEDAS.

Mr. Telang, instructed by Messrs. Dallas, Lynch, and Tobin, appeared for the plaintiff, who sued on an adjusted account signed by the defendant. His Lordship gave a decree for plaintiff for Rs. 1,006 with interest and costs.

HURNATH ROOPJEE AND OTHERS V. GONESH HUREE AND OTHERS.

Mr. Laing, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne appeared for the plaintiff. It appeared that eight days' clear notice had not been served upon defendant, and his Lordship therefore directed the case to be postponed until to-morrow.

VEZNOODANDAS HUREEBHOY V. GUNGADAS TOOLSEEDAS.

Mr. Laing, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne appeared for plaintiff. Mr. Budroodin, instructed by Mr. Khunderow, for the defendant, applied that the case be transferred to the long cause list. Mr. Laing consented; and the case was ordered accordingly.

THE LONDON, BOMBAY AND MEDITERRANEAN BANK V. ABRAHAM BALCHUNA.

Mr. Taylor, instructed by Messrs. Dallas, Lynch, and Tobin, for the plaintiff, applied for a postponement on the ground that negotiations for a settlement were going on. The case was postponed until the 17th November next.

STRUCK OUT.

The following cases were struck out for want of appearance:—Sobonar Ahmed and another v. Menon Hajee Sooleman Essa; Abdool Hoosein Abdool Ally v. Tyabally Rajabally; Bombay ... and others v. Ahmedbin Ahmed Putwa; Robert Sharp v. Henry Samuel King; Khoosaldas Dwarkadas v. Bapoojee Hurriba and another. Cassumbhoy Ahmedbhoy v. Rahimbhoy Hubibhoy and another.

BOMBAY PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED.

VERY AMUSING PROCEEDINGS.

(Concluded from yesterday's *Bombay Gazette*).

THE Hon. Mr. Bythell stated that he had a great deal more to say.

The Hon. Mr. Bythell—I do not wish it adjourned, I say gentlemen that last year on the motion of one of the now secretaries and treasurers of the Company, the last year's balance sheet, prepared by Mr. Brice, was rejected by the meeting, because he said it was unsatisfactory and presumably the one then agreed with him. I have got this year's balance sheet in my hands and last year's, and I say that if there was reason to reject that, there is a thousand times more reason to reject this one.

Loud cries of order followed, and Mr. Limjee exclaimed that he could not hear these words.

The Hon. Mr. Bythell—I am very sorry but I am afraid you will have to do so. Prior to this balance sheet, from the time the company commenced working, there had always been very fair dividends paid

Counts, but to gain his object by misrepresenting several items laid before the meeting. (Cries of question.)

Mr. Javertial Oomiashanker next addressed the meeting. The chairman, he said, had stated that it was not advisable to secure the custom of a large exporting house (Messrs. Gaddum & Co.) because should any calamity befall them the company would be the sufferers. He (Mr. Javertial) did not agree with this. When the company found they could get a large customer it was to their advantage to secure him, because it was only by this means they could pay large dividends. As to the risk, if the management were careful to secure the payment of their bills as speedily as possible there would be no risk.

The Chairman then rose to put the amendment to the meeting.

Mr. Cleveland.—Will you allow me to speak.

The Chairman.—You are too late.

Mr. Cleveland.—You have spoken two words and you say I am too late. I submit, that I will put in a written protest.

The Chairman after reading a part of the amendment, said that it could not be put to the meeting. It had already been explained that the circular contained round numbers. He refused to put the amendment to the meeting. He would ask the gentleman who had put in to modify it.

Mr. Cleveland.—I will answer for him. He wishes it put to the meeting as it is.

The Chairman.—Let him speak.

Mr. Monarjee Mooljee stated in Gujerati that he wished to put as it was.

The Chairman then put to the resolution to the meeting and after excluding the votes of certain shareholders who were said to have sold their shares, declared that there appeared to be a majority of votes in favour of the amendment and 16 against it. He (Chairman) can, therefore, look.

Several shareholders immediately demanded a poll, and Mr. Cleveland urged the Chairman to accede to their wish as it was impossible to take votes fairly in such a crowded room and amidst such confusion. The Chairman, however, would not consent saying that the vote was decided.

Mr. Cleveland then wrote out a request for a poll which was signed by a large number of shareholders, and handing it to the Chairman, asked if he would direct a poll to be taken. He (Mr. Cleveland) said that he would appoint a day for the poll and would now put the remaining resolutions to the meeting.

Mr. Cleveland protested against the chairman's ruling that those gentlemen who were on the register but were stated to have sold their shares, should not be allowed to vote.

It was then proposed by Mr. Sukanund Balkrishna, and seconded by Mr. Framjee Jamsetjee—That a dividend of Rs. 30 be paid on each old share, and of Rs. 12-8-0 on each new share to those shareholders whose names appear on the register on the 30th of September last; the same to be payable on and after the 15th October.

The resolution was carried by a small majority.

The Chairman then said that the poll would be held on the following Monday between 12 and 3 o'clock.

Mr. Fletcher (of Messrs. Manisty and Fletcher) being scrutineer, and that the meeting would be adjourned till day Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Mr. Cleveland asked if he himself, or Mr Bythell, or the gentleman on whose behalf the proxies were given, might be present at the poll.

The Chairman said he would not allow them to be present.

Mr. Cleveland then appealed to the chairman to consider the wishes of the shareholders to a certain extent, and as there would have to be a poll after the next meeting not to have the first poll on Monday, but to take both the polls together. The share holders were unanimous in not wishing the poll taken till the whole of the proceedings were concluded, and therefore he hoped that the poll would be held on Monday week.

The Chairman said he had ruled that on Monday next, between 2 and 3 p.m., the poll would be taken.

Different days were proposed to which to adjourn the meeting, but at length it was decided that Wednesday (this day) would be the most suitable day.

The meeting then broke up, it being half-past six o'clock.

The poll was held on Monday, and the result will be declared at the adjourned meeting to-day.

INDIAN NEWS.

ROAD ACCIDENT IN MADRAS.—A about half-past seven o'clock on Saturday morning the Beach Conductor embarked in a Masulah Boat No. 1 to convey Corporal and Mrs. Summers to one of the steamers in the roads. While the boat was riding the usual surf, a huge wave struck it and reversed it a complete wreck. The boat was thrown to pieces and everybody swam ashore. If it had not been for the gallant conduct of one of the boatmen in rescuing Mrs. Summers, she would have probably met a watery grave. In such cases Government, we think, should mark their sense of approbation by rewarding the boatmen in some way or other.—*Madras Athenæum.*

A RAILWAY COMPANY PROSECUTED.—The Secretary of the East Indian Railway Co. have charged Babus Promotho Nath Bannerji, Tarini Churn Chatterji, and Obhoy Coomar Bannerji, in the Calcutta Police Court with having, on or about the 13th day of August, 1874, defamed Mr. D. G. Yates, assistant station master, Howrah, by writing and publishing the following words:—" Notwithstanding the want of suitable accommodation, the said station master, by virtue of his rattan or stick, held in his hand, struck mercilessly the poor up-country passengers and forced them into the carriages, thereby literally crowding them to suffocation, intending and knowing that such imputation would prejudice the reputation of Mr. Yates.—*Indian Mirror.*

INOCULATING WITH SMALL-POX.—In exercise of the power given him by Section 18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the District Magistrate of Tanjore has directed all persons in that District to abstain from inoculation with small-pox. Any person disobeying this order is liable to be prosecuted under Section 188 of the Penal Code. With reference to the above order, the Superintendent of Police at Tanjore, has directed all the constables in his District to report instances of inoculating with small pox to their Station House Officers, who will report such information by occurrence report to the Magistrate having jurisdiction. The Station House Officer is also to note the information in his Station House report for the day, giving all particulars.—*Madras Times.*

THEFT OF RAILWAY PROPERTY.—At the Egmore Police Court, on Saturday last, before Colonel Weldon, Mr. William Bayford, foreman in charge of the Salt Cotaur Railway Station, charged one Charles Emanuel, a carriage examiner, employed under him, with theft of 164 yards of paper, the property of his employers, and the first prisoner's servant named Pyah was charged with receiving the said stolen property. Mr. Gordon defended the first prisoner. The facts of it briefly are as follows:—On information received by Mr. Inspector Lyons, he directed certain Police Constables to keep watch, and on Friday last, a Police Constable followed the second prisoner, who was carrying a basket, to the Salt Cotaur Station. After the woman had got to the station, she placed the basket near a goods box, and shortly afterwards the constable heard the first prisoner order one of his servants to place a basket on the head of the second prisoner. The constable followed the woman, and after she had gone some distance from the station, the constable in the presence of two other constables examined the basket and found it to contain oil, in a brass pot. The woman being questioned, she stated that her master, the first prisoner, gave it to her, and further that the oil she had taken the previous day was in her house. The woman was at once taken into custody, and on her house being examined, a quantity of castor oil was found. The [illegible] house also a quantity of oil was found. The prisoner denied the charges, and Mr. Gordon, on behalf of his client said, that he left his Worship to judge the case according to its merits. The prisoner was an Artillery pensioner, drawing Rs. 15 per mensem, and was recommended for a good conduct pension. He was eight years in the service of the Madura Railway Company, and was drawing a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem. His Worship thought there was no doubt but that first prisoner had been robbing and he would therefore convict the prisoner. The first prisoner was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, and the second prisoner, who was also convicted, was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.—*Madras Times.*

THE *Indian Daily News* furnishes the following particulars of the recent damage to the E. I. Railway:—It appears that the country between the More River and Babaw (120th to 185th mile) was visited by a very heavy downpour of rain, measuring at Rampore Haut, on Thursday night, 5 inches, and on Friday night, 9 inches, the greater portion of these falling in three and five hours respectively. This produced an almost unprecedented flood in that portion of the line, and resulted in the following damage:—143rd mile.—Pantia Bridge Girder, single line, 2 spans of 60ft. Central pier for double road, foundations secured, pier sunk 15 inches, split transversely eastern portion for 20ft line, not laid, sinking evenly in transverse direction but dipping easterly in longitudinal direction of the pier, western half, which carries the girders, sinking nearly evenly but transversely and longitudinally. The floods, which had fallen very rapidly had ceased to flow through this bridge when the Engineers arrived there, leaving a scour of about 25ft. round the piers; by evening the water had been baled out to 21ft. 152nd mile.—Chotapagla Bridge-Girder, 25 spans of 30ft. This Bridge takes the overflow from the Pagla River which had burst its bank and was overflowing with great velocity; when the Engineers passed up, the first pier from the southern end had its foundations scoured at the up-stream end to the extent of about 10ft. below average. The pier had sunk at the western end about 2ft. quite evenly, as regards transverse direction, and without any fracture. At 170th mile.—In the Gambira Valley, the rush of flood water which had covered the Telegraph wires and brought them down by the weight of weeds, &c., produced a scour from the slopes of the embankment at the abutment of a bridge, three spans of 60ft., which, without actually undermining the road, came into dangerous proximity to the sleepers.—At 180th mile.—In the Gopani Valley, the same result was produced at two bridges. One but slightly, the other sufficiently to stop running.—By midday on Tuesday trains passed over all, except the bridges. A further settlement of the pier at the 152nd mile took place on Tuesday, but trains again passed on Wednesday.—The minor mischiefs would have been sooner remedied but for the interruption to the telegraph between Moraree and Bahawa, which prevented the exact extent of damage being more quickly known, and the orders for stone trains more quickly carried out.

EUROPEAN EXTRACTS.

ASTRAKHAN.

(DAILY NEWS' CORRESPONDENCE.)

ASTRAKHAN, August 26.

ASTRAKHAN, situated on a number of little hills on an oasis formed by an arm of the Volga, about 25 miles from its south-eastern mouth, is a mixture of a dozen mosques interspersed among the ruins of innumerable old churches, with its spacious gardens, its celebrated vines, and still more celebrated melons, presents on first striking a stranger's eye, a most fascinating appearance. This illusion has that engenders by the first sight of many Russian and Oriental towns, vanishes on nearer inspection. Its dirty streets, badly paved or not paved at all, its shabby, dusty, and interminable suburbs lined with mean-looking, unsubstantial wooden houses, and "an ancient and a fish-like smell" pervading the whole atmosphere, all leave the impression, which is not altogether unjustified by the fact, that Astrakhan is a huge and gilded fish market. Nevertheless, it is an important place. Its fishing trade alone gives employment to thousands of people, and is worth millions of roubles. It is the great depot for the manufactures of caviare. There is also an Admiralty House, built by Peter the Great, for it is the headquarters of the Caspian fleet, founded by that enterprising monarch for the protection of the Persian provinces, but still more for the furtherance of his ambitious views on the side of Persia, the Caucasus, and in dependent Tartary. He pointed himself the road to Russian conquest in three parts by the occupation of Derbent, and his successors have so followed in his footsteps that the whole of the Caucasus is now Russian, a Russian force occupies the mouth of the Aterek, and to-day the Russian flag floats over Khiva.

But it is not with Astrakhan, its Admiralty, its fleet, or its water-melons that a stranger will probably be chiefly concerned. If he has a weakness for antiquities, or loves to unravel the pedigree of a great nation, he will here be treading on sacred ground. For 85 versts (say 60 miles) along the Akhtuba branch of the Volga, the whole district is covered with ruins with the ruins of ancient cities, the capitals of empires mighty in their day, which have passed away and scarcely left a trace behind them, the very sites of whose capitals have to be sought by the curious on the desert steppes of roving Kirghes.

Here stood Old, the capital of the ancient Khazar Empire, the very name of which now sounds strange and unfamiliar to our ears, although it was (once in the 7th, 8th, and 9th centuries of our era the great name in the East. It succeeds in history the name of the Huns and Avars, themselves the successors of the Scythians or Skoloti of Herodotus, and it is succeeded by that of the Petshinegs, the Uzi, and the Cumani of mediæval history. The flourishing State of the Khazar Empire was the eighth century. Irene, mother of the Emperor Leo IV., was the daughter of the Khan of the Khazars. Scythians, Alani, Huns, Avars, Khazars, Petshinegs, Uzi, and Cumani, all probably allied tribes of the same great Turk or Scythian stock, reunited for a time under the Khazar Empire, which ruled over the rich country between the Don, Volga, and the Caucasian range, each probably giving its specific or tribe name to the whole country, according as it rose in its turn to pre-eminence, and assumed, so to speak, the hegemony of the confederation. This lasted till the ninth or tenth century of our era. Then set in the great tide of Sclavonic invasion from the West, and the Eastern tide was rolled back for a time. Front Kiev, on the Dnieper, and Novgorod on the Ilmen, the Sclavonic wave swept over the whole area of European Russia. Okak, then, is the representative ruin of the pre-Sclavonic epoch in Russia.

[illegible] there are no Ugrian ruins in these parts; we must wait for such till we get to Kasan. Close to the ruins of Okak are those of another great city, Sarai, the capital of the Mongol Empire of the West, the seat of the Khan of the Golden Horde, the headquarters of the great "Kiptshak."

The "Kiptshak" is the name of the Mongol Empire of the West, founded by Zenghis Khan and his first successors in the first quarter of the thirteenth century. Originally the khan of a small and single tribe specifically called "Mongol," on the west of the Chinese Wall, Zenghis became the chief of a mighty confederation, and one of the greatest conquerors the world ever saw. He, Tushi, invaded Russia, and a great battle on the banks of the Khalis, 1223 A.D. decided the fate of that country. Dated, it could not have withstood the Mongol onset; but as it was among a number of petty princes of the house of Rurik, many of whom betrayed the national cause, each jealous of the other, one fell an easy prey to the Mongol horde, and was forced for nearly two centuries to endure the Mongol domination. Batou, the grandson of Zenghis, completed the conquest which Tushi had begun. He overran the cities of Astrakhan and Kasan, reduced Sarai to ashes, and forced to submit to subsidy the whole country from Moscow to the Black Sea. The great Mongol Empire of the "Kiptshak," of which Sarai was the capital, was now founded, and it lasted from A.D. 1228 to the [illegible] fourteenth century. Another change now took place. The Tzar Khan Empire gave away to the Usurpation, the Mongol to the Tartar or Turk. Timur, or Tamerlane, who was a Turk, and not a Mongol, had risen to power in the parts beyond the Oxus. His counter stroke on this revolution was felt in Russia, in the Kiptshak. Civil war, and such help as Timur afforded, broke the family of Batou, and the Kiptshak, and with it Sarai, disappear from history, to be succeeded by a number of different Turkish Khanates, the central branch falling into the three khanates of Kasan, Astrakan, and the Crimea.

I hope these dry historical details will not be considered superfluous. Without them it is impossible to distinguish correctly between two names which are too often confounded together, that Turk and Chiinuck or Mongol, the confusion between the two being easily increased by the common application of the word Tartar to both. Both races belong to the same great Turanian family of mankind, they have many phrases characteristic in common, the one may be even said in this respect to graduate into the other; both have equally been recruiters of the world, both have been in a great measure grown up in the armies both of Zenghis and of Tamerlane, the conquering Mongol drawing along in his train the neighbouring Turk tribes who felt his strong hand, and the vindictive Turk, as his turn, easily enrolling under the banner and predatory Kalmuc with the same bait, that of the plunder of a world. The same confusion of names has taken place in India. There we talk of the Great Mogul, when for name's sake we mean the Great Mongol. At first he was not a Mongol at all, but a Turk. It is absolutely necessary, to distinguish between the two. Those belonging to the same Turanian family, they belong to different divisions of the Mongol physiognomy is different divisions of the Turkish. The Osmanli, if taken as the type of the Turk, is strongly different; their histories have been different, and the Mogul remains Mongol, the Osmanli Turk, in spite of the different [illegible] from this difference. It is from China (Thibet) whence the Mongol has derived his civilization and his religion; the Turk owes his to Arabia, he is a follower of the prophet.

The course of interest now shifts from Astrakhan (or rather Sarai) to Kasan, from the Kiptshak to the Turkish Khanates, of which that of Kasan is the principal. Before, however, proceeding further on our road to Nijni-Novgorod, let us pay a visit to specimens of these Turkish races which we have been talking of, and between whom we have been endeavouring clearly to distinguish. It so happens that on each bank of the Volga, east and west of Astrakhan, we shall find located a Turkish and a Kalmuc tribe respectively; on the left bank the Nomad tribe of Kirghes, and on the right a mixed tribe of Kalmucs. They have many characteristics in common, like all human tribes indeed; they have also many points of difference. They illustrate well the difference which I have been endeavouring to trace between the founders of the Kiptshak and the followers of Jenghis Khan. Between the rivers Ural and Volga, and the Government of Astrakhan and Orenburg, stretching north and south from the southern point of the Government of Samara to the Caspian Sea, on the orders of the Czar, of Asia and Europe, there is a large oblong tract of steppe land inhabited by a race of men who in physiognomy resemble the Mongol (they are the most Mongol-looking of the Turk family), in speech the Turk, and in habits and customs the wild roaming tribes of Independent Tartary. In manners, customs, speech, religion, and occupation, they are identical with their brethren of the Kirghes, who are found also on the other northern boundary of Turkestan, from the Caspian to the frontier of Khokand. They are not, like the Kirghes, an [illegible] half pastoral, wholly nomad people, living, on horseback, tending herds, carrying their tents, wives, and children on the backs of camels, and pitching their tents in wild steppes further away from the habitations of civilised men; they are identical in race with those wild tribes of horse-men who have roamed from time immemorial along the immense steppes between the Altai and the river Ural (Yaik), engaged in the rearing of horses and of cattle, tribes occupied in the more serious and congenial pursuits of plunder, [illegible] rapine, levying blood-tax, or forcing some great nation, leading captain, Tartar or Mongol, as the case might be, in order to plunder and devastate the world. Of these wild tribes there are three great divisions known as the Great Horde, the Little Horde, and the Middle Horde. The roaming ground of the Great Horde, which is, by the way, the inhabitant of the three, lies to the east on the frontiers of Khokand; the Little Horde are found between the Caspian and the Aral, and the Middle Horde, which is the most numerous, are between the two. Originally they were all independent marshalships under their respective khans, Sultans, and Beys (Begs). At the beginning of the last century, when the immigration Mongols became subject to Gonia, the movement of disturbance was felt all along the line of the Kirghes. The Little Horde and part of the Middle Horde united in the protection of Russia. In order to repress the turbulent and marauding disposition of these new and troubles subjects, who plundered more than ever the caravans to Bokhara, and in order, with this view, to break up their organization, the Russian Government divided the ingenious plan of taking away the power from the Khan, and dividing it among the elders or nobles. This policy was successful; the Little Horde was completely broken up; some joined the Middle Horde, some joined Tuscomans on the south, others went over to the Little Khanate of Khokand, whilst a large division of some thousand families made their way into the Government of Astrakhan, settling under a Khan of their own in the track of country between the Ural and the Volga. Russia's action in the matter of dividing and thereby breaking to pieces each single tribe, was a masterpiece of policy. By this small expenditure of [illegible] she compelled the Khan to exchange his position as Khan of a nomad tribe for that of a Russian Prince. She gave him an allotment of 100,000 desiatins (the desiatina is about two and three-quarters English acres) of land, and some half million of roubles, by way of compensation for the cession of all jurisdiction over his former quasi-subjects. He was, moreover, induced to send his son (who has since succeeded him) to the College of Cadets at St. Petersburg, whence he entered the Russian Army, and now lives on his paternal estate at Savinka. So my other Russian nobleman and retired officer of the Army. He has got rid of many Kirghes prejudices, but he has hitherto been unable to get rid of a very proper so called Kalmuc but more properly speaking Tartar, physiognomy. His residence at Savinka is to the north of the Kirghes encampment, the interest of which, we divide into five tribes—is not more than fifteen versts [illegible] from his house. The [illegible] division over the Kirghes which was formerly exercised by him has been transferred to a Russian Starosta, who lives at Khanskaia, Savinka, about the centre of the encampments, and exercises administrative, judicial and financial functions very similar to those of a collector in our own Indian provinces. Formerly the Kirghes were so ably harassed and plundered in the name of the law and the Exchequer by these Starostas; but, lately, since the general reform of the Russian Administration, educated gentlemen have been appointed to this post, and the plundering has ceased. Whereas, however, formerly the Kirghes roamed pretty well at their discretion over the whole country between the Volga and the Yaik (Ural), the Government has now marked off the oblong tract which I have described as the limits of their territory. They pay taxes according to the size of their herds and flocks, and are now, like all the inhabitants of this vast Empire, subject to military service.

UNACCOMPLISHED PURPOSES.

The unfinished works of builders of another kind—the monuments of which they could never write "Exegi"—the grand fragments of poetry, history, and romance, which lie before us, still [illegible] for death has closed their account. What noble purposes are here unaccomplished! Think of the unfinished poems of Shelley and Keats—of what they might have done, and they not been cut off in the flower of their youth! Think of that great history which Macaulay was to have brought down to a period within the memory of living man"—how the greatest of the land sorrowed with a not unselfish sorrow, when they saw all that was mortal of that brilliant historian lowered into the vaults of the old Abbey, the great desire of his life unfulfilled! Think of the sudden close, in the midst of their work, of the careers of those two great novelists who were delighting us, from month to month, with their humour and their pathos! Tidings of the death of Thackeray came to me through a newspaper-placard on entering a market-town in Sonnersetshire; and the death of Charles Dickens startled me in the same way, as I was being driven through a remote part of Wales. It was a holiday on each occasion, and truly it may be said that I went on my way "a sadder and a wiser man." Each has left behind him a monument of an unaccomplished purpose—the one in "Edwin Drood," the other in "Denis Duval." Was it for evil or for good? Was it better or worse for their memories that they died thus suddenly, in the fulness of their fame?—I mean, for their reputation's sake? I do not think time any one had cause to write with respect to them these dreadful words, "falling off." Yet, it must come to all of us, some day, if we outlive the maturity of our powers. I have fifty volumes of Walter Scott's novels on my book-shelves—I could not put my finger on the volume whence the decline of power is to be counted. I think it would be rather early in the series, though there is nothing finer than the "Talisman," which now, in all operatic form, is the delight of the people of the world. Still, it is sad to think of this last days—of so eminently healthy an intellect in its youth and its maturity coming to what it did at the last—those sad, servile attempts not wholly to forsake the old crafts—not to confess the victory of age. And many, many years ago, in the days when the London, often to have seen a venerable-looking, grey-bearded old man, apparently almost blind, turning about in a vacant sort of way the handle of an empty barrel-organ, which produced never a sound. Most hearts sought out hardened in large towns by repeated humiliations, and it is difficult to discern rightly between the reality and the sham. But, looking at it in its worse aspects, it was to me an [illegible] touching piece of irony. It brought many pennies and [illegible] pence into the [illegible] Tribe. How [illegible] ing the old cradle, he thought [illegible] pre-moving harmonious sounds out of that implement. He seemed to be quite crazed. What his history was I never learnt. But I thought of the many sad specimens that I had seen in the course of my life, of which this sound [illegible] of the [illegible] living upon bygone fashions, the old dodge on the old joke, and still clanking themselves irresistible. I was present at the last appearance of Edmund Kean on the stage—and very painful thing it was. I better than before, I think, but at least as far as his own reputation is concerned, a great genius should be stricken down in the fulness of his work, with many unaccomplished purposes to his name. In all our English poetry there are no sadder lines than—

"From Marlborough's eyes the tears of dotage flow,
And Swift expires a driveller and a show."

Some [illegible] of historical monuments, [illegible] number of smaller unaccomplished literary purposes disturb us into the great "limbo of vanities." For any man of active imagination to write all the books that he has purposed to write in must live twice over the longest life of the autochthonian period. Histories—Philosophies—Dramas—Poems—Romances—Essays—which libraries of a most comprehensive character—conceived, sketched out—written, indeed, "all but the chapters," and in no few instances many of the chapters actually written. Who, after a long literary life, exploring the contents of old drawers, boxes, baskets, portfolios, &c., does not come across unfinished manuscripts—"mere fragments"—but aside under stress of more important business and forgotten or never returned to for lack of time?—*Cornhill Magazine.*

"THE ART OF SKIPPING.

(*Saturday Review.*)

CONSIDERING how much more people read, or are supposed to read, now-a-days than they ever did before, it is not a little strange how seldom they are aware that there is room for the exercise of art in reading as well as in other occupations. The remark which Socrates made on statesmanship, that it was an exceedingly difficult and complicated business which everybody practised, and nobody thought himself [illegible] to learn, applies with tenfold force in our own day, but merely to its original object, but to an infinity of other matters. And the exercise of reading, in which many of us spend, whether for work or for pleasure, a very appreciable proportion of our lives, certainly [illegible] within the spirit of his censure. We learn in our infancy to read words, but we are left to pick up the way to read books. Advice about the choice of the kind of matter to be read is indeed [illegible] enough, and is not unfrequently overdone, but how to read the things chosen, economically, how to extract the [illegible] intelligent, economically, how to extract the [illegible] from them, is left entirely to the [illegible] of time and [illegible] This proof with the least expense of time and [illegible] such surely is a thing worth knowing, is left for the most part to come by nature. So far as we are aware, there is only one current precept on the subject, and that is radically wrong. As the prejudice created by it must be eleminated way before any reasonable conception of a positive kind can be arrived at, we shall do well to expose the venerable fallacy at the [illegible] of being held to encourage idleness, desultoriness, and haughtiness generally.

Almost every one who was fond of reading as so child must more or less distinctly remember having impressed upon him at various times that "It is wrong to skip." This maxim is unanswerable for a good [illegible] of time and troubled [illegible] in those reading over children who listen to it, after they have come to [illegible] years which, if the statistics of [illegible] Kasan, and Orenburg can be called, should be enough to raise a clamour for a Royal Commission. The general proposition is indeed defended by explanations and qualifications, by the time when young readers are thought to be of sufficient discretion to follow them, and by the qualifications are all wrong too. The rule is [illegible] right, as modified by exceptions in teaching or practice comes to this. It is wrong to skip in reading a good book. The more solid the book, and the more important the matter, the greater is the offence of skipping. It is equal to [illegible] reading poetry, and quite [illegible] to skip in reading a novel. The rule appears to us just as wise and sensible as if a parent whose son was about to travel partly on business in cities, partly in the country, and partly among works of art, were to advise him in this fashion: "I would have you above all things remember to keep a sharp observant eye on every thing about you in the places where you do business. If you confine your attention to what concerns yourself, if you cannot tell me what other people were doing, if you fail to note all the things in the cunningest shops and the shop-fronts, I shall take you for an idle fellow. As to the country, no doubt you had better observe its beauties than not, but it does not much matter. As to pictures and so forth, certainly the [illegible] good in their way, but as they are only made to be looked at, why, you may look at them just as carefully as people [illegible] you please."

Instead of acting by unlikely to such advice as this, which we need not stand [illegible] in showing to be counter to the general opinion and habits of mankind, we prefer to treat reading as a branch of human life, and to hold a doctrine directly opposed to the popular fallacy. We maintain that the true belief as to skipping is to this effect—namely, that skipping *is not wrong*. Skipping is an important part of the art of reading, and should be practised systematically. It is most to be practised in solid books—by which we mean for the purpose of this discussion, books that are read mainly for information. Solid or serious reading consists in attending to the matter of a book independently of the form, except indeed when the form itself is the primary object of study, as for instance from the point of view of a philologist or historian of literature. The [illegible] should therefore, as a rule, be skipped judiciously. But when the form is of sensible importance to the reader as compared with the matter—or, in less abstract language, when a book is read partly or wholly for entertainment and subsidiary pleasure, the [illegible] of information—then the art of skipping is no longer in question, and should be very sparingly used. It is generally a mistake in poetry, and it is absolutely wrong in a good novel. We do not mean it for [illegible] a cursory glance at [illegible] volume of poems, [illegible] and [illegible] but we do mean honestly [illegible] as a preliminary inquiry to ascertain whether it is worth reading at all. One has a perfect right to look into a book and say that it appears to be worth reading, or not worth reading as the case may be; and the faculty of doing with a reasonable chance of exercising right is indeed closely connected with the art and mystery of skipping. But we must protest against the habit of reading a good novel by dips and skips—which really is nothing better than taking extracts at random—and then pretending to have read the novel. This way of treating the masterpieces of fiction, though a too common and much [illegible] than taking extracts at random—and then pretending to have read the novel. This way of treating the masterpieces of fiction, though a too common and much more vicious and demoralizing than the much decried practice of skipping in books of solid instruction is in truth wholesome and laudable. The same observation applies, though in a less degree, to the reading of poems.

Our position may seem paradoxical, but it can be established by indisputable steps. Let us begin at the beginning with the extreme of serious literature. The books which are wholly made up of solid instruction or profess so to be, which are completely free, so far as human frailty will allow, from any suspicion of art or amusement, are Charles Lamb's class of *Ashes alofft*, books which are no books. This class includes nearly all dictionaries—not quite all, for M. Littre, and perhaps a few others, have a way of writing a series of disjointed but fascinating essays disguised in the dictionary form—almost encyclopædic literature, of course with individual exceptions, and a considerable part of books of reference and scientific treatises generally. Now it may be safely said that no one ever supposed that such books were meant to be read continuously, that there was any virtue in reading them from beginning to end, or any vice in looking into them to find particular things as wanted. Indeed it is generally admitted that the worker in any special subject on which much literature exists is at a disadvantage if he does not know how to use books of reference properly—that is, if he is not an adept in the art of skipping. This is especially true in the profession which of all others is the most rigorous in requiring accurate knowledge and the least favourable to slovenly habits. Half the practical aptitude of a lawyer, at any rate of an English lawyer, depends on his being able to use his books discriminatingly, so as to pick out the very thing he is in search of, and not waste time on its irrelevant surroundings.

Why should this principle of skipping be confined to books which are manifestly and on the face of them not readable? Why is it right to flit from page to page of a dictionary by the help of the alphabetical order, and wrong to travel from one part of a history or of a book of travels to another by the help of the [illegible] (if the book happens to be tolerably indexed), [illegible] of contents, or other plan? We can see no answer to this, so long as the object of reading the book is knowledge and not artistic pleasure. This writer can at most only guess what things it will be convenient to tell, an intelligent reader must know best what things he wants to be told. It is the same with argumentative writing, essays, and the like. You see by a glance at the first page of half-a-dozen that the whole space is filled with setting forth an argument with which you are quite familiar, to which you will never be converted, or to which you need no conversion; by what manner of duty or reason can you be bound to read the other five pages? It may be answered, because the style gives a new lustre to old matter. But then you are no longer reading with the single view of information, and the instance is no exception to the first branch of our rule, but a confirmation of the second. It shows, not that it is wrong to skip when you read for learning, but that it is right not to skip when you read for pleasure.

In reading what may be called the literature of exposition, especially in really good essays, it is often difficult to say how much of the general pleasurable impression is due to the substance of the author's meaning, and how much to the form. This may be regarded as a kind of neutral ground, where skipping may in some circumstances be allowable and expedient, in others a grave mistake. When we come to fiction the case is much plainer. A good work of fiction, whether in prose or in verse—we are here speaking only of good works—is a work of art, and can be rightly enjoyed only by entering into sympathy with the artist's mind and accepting his work according to his intention. In a perfect poem the place of every word, in a perfect novel the place of not of every word, of every episode and of every paragraph, is important; and the reader who skips throws away the pleasure he was meant to derive from the harmony of composition, in which very possibly the beauty of the whole may chiefly consist, and deprives the best part of the artist's labour. He might as well go to see a good play, and then [illegible] miss every alternate scene. In saying this we are no doubt setting up a high standard of light reading. We assert by implication the doctrine, which many will think severe, that a novel not worth reading continuously is not worth reading at all; and the principle would lead to the conclusion that a vast quantity of current and accepted literature has no claim to be read. And so we the performance committed to a paradox worse than the first. We should be [illegible] allowed; but the whole [illegible] large to be disposed of in a closing sentence, and one paradox at a time is enough.

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